



Barrel District Network News



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack - City of Glendale, Barrel District

April 13, 2012



Councilmember Yvonne Knaack participated in the morning story time at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street on Tuesday, April 10. Eighty-two people were in attendance as Councilmember Knaack read *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae. The music-themed story time was coordinated by library staff in conjunction with National Library Week.

Chat with Councilmember Knaack. Councilmember Knaack is hosting an informal meeting for Barrel residents from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5th at Nino's Pizzeria, 5800 W. Peoria Avenue, Suite 108D. Councilmember Knaack is encouraging residents to stop by and enjoy a complimentary slice of pizza while discussing ideas and suggestions for Glendale. The casual atmosphere will allow citizens to stay for a few minutes or longer as time permits. Please call 623-930-2250 with questions.

Fair Housing Law Classes Available for Tenants and Owners. Community Legal Services, in conjunction with the city of Glendale's Community Revitalization and Community Housing divisions, are providing two free presentations on Fair Housing laws as part of National Fair Housing Month in April.

Your Rights and Fair Housing Laws

This class is scheduled for 3 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. Tenants and those who would like to learn more about current Fair Housing laws can learn how to determine discrimination, what to do if they have been discriminated against, and how to file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Your Responsibilities and Fair Housing Laws

"Fair Housing Laws" begins at 3 p.m., Wednesday, May 9 at the Glendale Public Library Auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. Property owners, property managers, and those who work in real estate can learn more about current Fair Housing laws. The class covers the requirements and guidelines, recent changes to Fair Housing laws and statistics on the types of Fair Housing complaints that are filed.

Space is limited for both presentations. For more information, call 623-930-3670.

City and Habitat for Humanity Team Up to Help Relieve Foreclosure Impact. Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona and the city of Glendale entered into an agreement to purchase and renovate foreclosed single-family homes in Glendale.

In March 2011, City Council accepted \$1,296,540 of Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP 3) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the city's Community Revitalization Annual Action Plan. The agreement will allow Habitat to use the funds to acquire, rehabilitate and sell approximately 12 foreclosed homes to income-qualified residents.

Habitat will consult with local realtors to identify vacant, foreclosed properties in designated neighborhoods, while an outreach to schools, neighborhoods, community groups and housing shelters will be used to identify opportunities for home ownership to qualified residents.

"This is just an ongoing success story with Habitat and Glendale," said Councilmember Yvonne Knaack during the presentation at the City Council meeting when the agreement was approved.

Habitat requires homebuyers to invest at least 100 hours of sweat equity by working on home rehabilitation projects. Habitat also incorporates energy-efficient and green building features to maintain affordability during the home improvement process.

For more information, please call (602) 268-9022.

This Weekend

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – Saturday & Sunday. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature fine artists working on-site, craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Glendale Family Bike Ride – Sunday! Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 15 at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

This is a ride for all ages and levels of riders, from kids to adults. Both the long (15-mile ride) and short (6-mile ride) routes take cyclists on a leisurely ride through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo and Skunk Creek pathways.

On-site registration is from 7-9 a.m. and the ride begins at 8 a.m. All riders must get on the road by 9 a.m. For more information, call 623-930-2940.

Glendale Citizen Corps. The Glendale Citizen Corps, registered in March 2011, is working on your behalf to coordinate and support effective collaboration between government, non-profit agencies, faith-based organizations and the Glendale citizens in order to build a disaster-resistant community prepared for tomorrow.

Benefits of a Whole Community Involvement Emergency Response Plan:

- Shared understanding of community needs and capabilities
- Greater empowerment and integration of resources from across the community
- Stronger social infrastructure
- Establishment of relationships that facilitate more effective prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery activities
- Increased individual and collective preparedness
- Greater resiliency at both the community and national levels

The model for Citizen Corps' core programs under the national citizen corps umbrella includes Neighborhood Watch Programs, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Medical Reserve Corps and Fire Corps. Although Neighborhood Watch and CERT are well known, some of these volunteer programs may be unfamiliar to residents.

VIPS enhance the capacity of the Glendale Police Department by utilizing trained volunteers to assist police officers, particularly for special events.

Medical Reserve Corps engage health professionals and others in strengthening public health, emergency response and community resiliency – before, during and after a large-scale local emergency. They volunteer their time and expertise throughout the year.

Fire Corps bring together government and community leaders to involve citizens in emergency preparedness and resilience. As with all citizen corps programs, it seeks to help our community prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies of all kinds.

For more information, or to get involved with Glendale Citizen Corps, e-mail oevans@glendalecitizencorps.com or call 480-310-9154.

Volunteer for Earth Day Clean Up. In partnership with Arizona Clean and Beautiful, the cities of Glendale and Peoria are teaming up for this year's annual Earth Day volunteer event on Saturday, April 21, from 7 to 10 a.m. to clean up and beautify the New River Trail. Last year 350 volunteers came together to clean 95 acres of river and trails along New River Wash between Greenway and Union Hills. Volunteers cleared five tons of trash, 60 tires and planted 26 trees. The New River Trail around Union Hills Road will be the focus for this year's event. To register to volunteer, or for more information, call 623-930-2915 or email awilkie@glendaleaz.com.

Annual GO Transportation Program Open House - April 25. The Glendale Onboard (GO) Transportation Open House is a great opportunity to learn more about how the GO Program is working for you.

Drop by this informal meeting between 4:30 and 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 25 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive to view exhibits detailing planned and completed GO Program projects. City staff and transportation consultants will be on hand to answer questions. [Learn more](#)

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